Diabetic population in India

2651. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) The percentage of urban rural population who were suffering from diabetes; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to make the masses aware about the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Studies until early 1970s essentially showed prevalence rates of diabetes less than 3%. A study in 1972 showed a prevalence of 2.7% in urban Delhi and 1.9% in rural areas near Delhi. More recent studies (1990-2001) show a significantly higher prevalence than that above. Studies in southern India report an overall prevalence of diabetes of 5%. An additional 2% suffered from impaired glucose tolerance. Recent trends indicate 8-11.8% prevalence in urban areas.

(b) The treatment of diabetes is done upto the level of PHC/CHC in the health care delivery system in India. Difficult and complicated cases are treated at higher centres e.g. Medical Colleges, District Hospitals etc. The health education is carried out to make the public aware diabetics prevention and treatment.

World Bank aid on drug quality control

2652. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is aiding any project for food safety and quality control of drugs;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) the details of implementation of the scheme in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.